

- Jim Hamilton
- ----- Merey Giglia <mgiglia@sdhc.us> wrote:
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- =====
- Your 6-30-2008 invoice has been paid and you should be receiving your
- check any day.
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- Merey Giglia
- Secretary to Connie Milito
- Chief ernment Relations Officer
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Message

From: James Hamilton

Connie Milito

Subject: Re: 65% Solution Article

To: cmilito@tmo.blackberry.net

Stephen Hegarty

Cc: **Connie Milito**

- Hi Steve,
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- Should the article's reference come up without arguing about the definitions we can say two things.
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- First in the 4 years from 2004-2005 through 2008-2009 were, the Legislature added an=about \$2.3 billion in
- class size reduction dollars.As the chart I gave you shows, CSR increases were about 70% of all the increases
- in the period. We added all \$199 million to the classroom in the form of about 3,037 new teachers or
- teachers who were left at schools even though declining enrollment would have lost the units.
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- We also gave teachers about 9.5% more in salary and fringe benefit increases than all other employees,
- which if I remember my executive sessions would be about \$65 million more in classroom raises than non classroom raises.
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- In addition virtually all of the MAP \$ goes top teachers. Also 100% of Teacher Lead money, which was doubled.
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- I am trying to produce a credible picture of our situation. I am waiting for information from Malinda Anderson.
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Jim Hamilton

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Message

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Connie Milito

Subject: Re: Proposed Amendments

To: cmilito@tmo.blackberry.net

Stephen Hegarty

Cc: **Connie Milito**

- Hi Steve!
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- I thought your points were great. Really catches the essence of the amendment, and there are no statements not supported by the facts.
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- Linda's points were good. I think they can be simplified more.
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 - The bottom lines are:
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 - 1. The U.S. Constitution prohibits religious discrimination, so this is not needed for that purpose.
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 - 2. For decades programs and services that don't advance a particular religion but are operated
 - by institutions affiliated with churches and paid for with our tax dollars have had no challenges.
 - (Medicare and Medicaid payments to St. Joseph's Hospital.)
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 - 3. This amendment is only about vouchers.
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 - 4. If you support giving your tax dollars to private schools that operate outside any of our
 - laws requiring performance accountability for education services paid for with our tax dollars than vote for
 - this amendment.
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 - 5. If you support total and public accountability for the performance of every school
 - receiving your tax dollars, and you want a tax supported education system that guarantees a uniform, high quality
 - education for all of Florida's children, vote against this amendment.
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- Jim Hamilton

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Message

From: James Hamilton

Connie Milito

Subject: Re(2): Amendments 5,7,9

To: cmilito@tmo.blackberry.net

Stephen Hegarty